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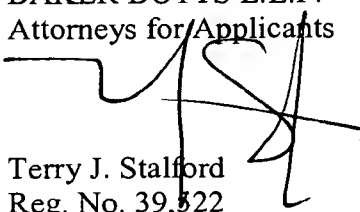
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Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. The Filing Receipt was received January 29, 2002. Applicants are currently awaiting a first Office Action.

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